

We do NOT need HB 4145, which expands the ever-growing list of who can apply for and how restraining orders can be issued in this state. Our courts in Josephine County have been overwhelmed with hearings to issue and to contest protective orders.

As an attorney representing contestants in these hearings, having practiced law here for 36 years, I see more and more people mis-using these laws to get custody of children, to gain an advantage in a custody battle, and to be vindictive against former boyfriends or girlfriends.

I see no need for the expanded definition of "Family or household members", or the automatic provisions regarding the ownership of guns if one contests or does not contest an order issued.

Please do NOT pass this bill.

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